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SENATOR DECAMP: Well, Mr. President, if this country ever goes to war again, I want General Warner leading the troops, and if he had been in charge in Vietnam, we would have won. Every year I think I am gaining a little on the Appropriations Committee and we are just getting a little closer and then Jerry reorganizes them and they come in here more skilled and organized than ever before. I was sitting here this morning and I thought my old conservative buddy, Howard Peterson, he is going to get up and he is going to eat into this budget a little and he is going to point out...he is going to point out some of the problems. Next thing I knew there was born again Howard spending money and giving the virtues of it. I thought, but by golly, they haven't got to Lowell yet. A few minutes later Lowell, the only one that might maybe compete a little bit with Howard in being kind of conservative or viewed that way, Howard is...I mean Lowell, he is giving the beauty of giving away our bounty. And from there on it got better, because then the ones that, well, they would kind of typically be viewed as maybe more oriented toward spending, you know who I am talking about, of course, they got up and they gave the conservative version. And there I was going in circles to how do I defense against Howard and Lowell when they are handling the liberal side, you know, and the others are doing the other way. And then Howard finally said something. He said, exactly, he said, you know, he said, there is times you don't get everything you want. What he could have gone on to say and you other 41 members here aren't going to get anything you want when we get done with this budget, because that is how much is left, absolutely nothing, we have spent all the cookies. My concern with the Kilgarin proposal, which by the way in its basic idea I support. I think we have got to recognize that anything above a certain amount, anything above a certain amount has to go for some targeted things, whether you want to call them enhancements like the Governor did, whether you want to call them direct property tax relief, whatever, I think we should. But, you see the problem with it is, it is kind of ratification of the amount that is already in there before we ever get off the launching pad on deciding what a